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(57) Abstract

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To enlarge a free area on a desk and to enlarge the work area of a user by synthesizing an infrared interface and a key switch in a keyboard.

SOLUTION: The keyboard 3 is provided with an infrared ray transmission/reception part 5 and therefore infrared communication can be executed with HPC 8 at the close quarters of the user. The infrared ray transmission/reception part 5 is drawn from a PC main body 1 and cables used for connection between the PC main body 1 and the infrared ray transmission/reception part 5, which become necessary for it, are bundled in a keyboard cable 4. Thus, the number of the cables on the desk does not increase. Namely, the infrared communication interface and the function key which can call the function of PC which is always used by one touch can be provided for the keyboard 3. Thus, the operations can always be executed at close quarters. Consequently, the user does not need to change a posture or stretch a hand at the time of the operations.

